



Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance Reporting Form

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1a	Is your agency adopting a single agency ordinance OR a regional agency alliance ordinance?	Single Agency Ordinance ▼
1b	Date of adoption OR anticipated adoption:	12/1/2015
2a	Reporting period:	
2b	December 1, 2015 through December 28, 2015 (all agencies)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
2c	February 1, 2016 through February 28, 2016 (additional reporting period for agencies crafting regional ordinances with other agencies)	<input type="radio"/>
3a	Are you using:	the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO) ▼
3b	For agencies who have adopted a modified WELO	
3c	Is it at least as efficient as MWELO?	▼
3d	URL for your WELO	n/a
3e	List major changes from the State's MWELO	n/a
3f	If specific types of projects are exempt (other than those already specified in MWELO), state what they are and the sections of the ordinance that they are exempt from.	
3g	Have elements from other regulations been incorporated (e.g., tree shading percent coverage requirement, stormwater capture requirements).	No ▼
3h	If yes, describe:	
4	If other agencies are implementing the ordinance, explain their role:	n/a
5	Permitted projects subject to the ordinance during the reporting period (*e.g., single family residences, commercial projects, landscape retrofits for which permits were finalized during the reporting period, etc.):	No projects were finalized under the new ordinance.
6a	Total landscape area subject to the ordinance over the reporting period:	-
6b	Unit of Measure (sq. ft. or acres)	▼



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7a	During the reporting period, how many of the following types of projects did your agency issue final permits on:	
7b	new housing starts	-
7c	new commercial projects	-
7d	landscape retrofits	-
8	Describe the procedure for review of projects subject to the ordinance:	Plans and required forms are submitted during the permit process.
9a	Describe actions taken to verify compliance:	Plans and calculations are reviewed for compliance prior to issuance of a permit. At the end of the project, the irrigation audit is reviewed for conformance and the project owner must verify that any required corrections flagged in the audit have been corrected prior to deeming a project complete.
9b	Is a plan check performed?	Yes
9c	If so, by what entity?	City of Fremont Community Development Department
10	Describe implementation and enforcement measures:	Irrigation plans and calculations are reviewed for compliance. Permits are not issued until plans are brought into compliance with the ordinance.
11	Explain challenges to implementing and enforcing the ordinance:	Collecting and reviewing the plans and forms for compliance with WELO is a substantial part of the review process, but preparing a summary report with the square footage and break down of project types for the entire year is a huge addition of work for already overworked city staff. I think local Water Districts should take on the enforcement of WELO. Alameda County WD does not appear to review the irrigation plans. The burden of review and approval is on cities and towns within the local water districts. This is a stretch of already over stretched resources.
12	Describe educational and other needs to properly apply the ordinance:	A Landscape Architecture degree or horticulture degree would be beneficial.
	Additional Comments:	It is not clear why reporting to the state is necessary. Will the collected data be used for anything? In my position I have many responsibilities beyond implementation and enforcement of WELO. I am sure other communities also have limited staff time available for the review and enforcement process. There is definitely more work required by the WELO update and it seems that an unfair burden is being put on communities rather than water districts.

Please submit reports, including a copy of your local water efficient landscape ordinance, via email to WELO@water.ca.gov by December 31, 2015. Agencies preparing a regional ordinance must submit an additional report by March 1, 2016. For questions, please call Ms. Julie Saare-Edmonds at (916) 651-9676.